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Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 18, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire October 18, 2006.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Entry of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.